

It is difficult to determine the cause of the increase in the road toll with the lack of data collected at accident sites. My particular concern is motorcycle deaths. There has been an ever-increasing number of stolen bikes, so how many of the fatalities are unlicensed riders on stolen bikes? They should not have been on the road, so don't count them as motorcyclists.

I've been riding frequently along the Western Hwy in recent months, & for a major thoroughfare, the condition of the road is appalling. In areas the gravel is so compressed in the bitumen the surface is as smooth as glass. Last Sunday, in the rain, my bike frequently lost traction in the left hand lane so I had to move to the right hand lane contrary to the road rules. The entire highway is held together by "tar snakes", another danger to motorcyclists. It's not possible to keep traction on these, requiring constant swerving. This is also common on the Monash. Inbound near Rockbank the cracks in the surface are wider than my bike tyres! Fix the standard of the roads & there will be a decrease in the loss of motorcyclists lives!

Regards,
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